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FOLLOWING ARE REMARKS MADE TO JOURNALISTS AFTER THE BREAKFAST
MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER
CAGLAYANGIL IN BRUSSELS ON DECEMBER 9.

BEGIN QUOTE

THE SECRETARY:

THE FOREIGN MINISTER,MY OLD FRIEND,AND I REVIEWED THE SITUATION IN
THE WORLD WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.
THE UNITED STATES IS INTERSTED DEEPLY IN PEACE AND STABILITY IN
THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND IN A JUST SOLUTION OF THE DISPUTES
IN THAT AREA.AND OF COURSE WE HAVE ALWAYS ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE
TO OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH ALL OF OUR ALLIES IN THAT AREA AND TEHERE-
FOR I HAVE ALWAYS CONSIDERED MY MEETINGS WITH MR.CAGLAYANGIL TO
BE OF THE GREATEST CONSEQUANCE AND I SHALL MISS THEM.

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FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL:

FIRST OF ALL I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY PRESENTING MY THANKS TO MY DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUE, DR. KISSINGER, FOR THE EFFORTS THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND HE HIMSELF EXERTED AFTER THE CONGRESSIONAL DECISION. REALLY TURKEY DOES NOT WANT TO ADD ANOTHER ISSUE TO THE PROBLEMS ALREADY EXISTING IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. I AM CONVINCED THAT WITH GOOD WILL AND GOOD INTENTIONS WE CAN SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS WITH OUR NEIGHBOR, GREECE. THE ONLY WAY TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THESE PROBLEMS IS TO NEGOTIATE. THE BEST WAY TO SOLVE A PROBLEM IS NOT TO STIPULATE PRE-CONDITIONS AT THE BEGINNING, BUT TO SIT AROUND THE TABLE AND NEGOTIATE THE ISSUES THEMSELVES. I CAN SAY WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THAT THE AVENUES FOR NEGOTIATION HAVE IMPROVED IN RECENT TIMES. WITH MY DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUE I HAVE DISCUSSED OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS. AND I HAVE ALSO STRESSED TO HIM MY DEEP CONVICTION THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO BE VERY INFLUENTIAL IN WORLD MATTERS EVEN WHEN HE LEAVES OFFICE. I HAVE ALWAYS GIVEN GREAT IMPORTANCE TO AND PLACED GREAT VALUE ON HIS VIEWPOINTS, HIS SUGGESTIONS, PROPOSALS, AND I HAVE EVERY INTENTION TO DO SO EVEN WHEN HE LEAVES OFFICE. THIS IS WHY I FOUND THIS MORNING'S TALKS VERY CONSTRUCTIVE AND VALUABLE.

QUESTION: IS IT YOUR LAST BREAKFAST OR ARE YOU GOING TO HAVE MORE IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

THE SECRETARY:

WELL, I AM SURE I WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE BREAKFAST FOR THE YEARS AHEAD.

(LAUGHTER.) BUT WHETHER I WILL HAVE FUTURE BREAKFASTS WITH THE MINISTER DEPENDS ON WHETHER HE HAS BREAKFAST WITH PRIVATE PEOPLE OR WHETHER HE IS SO RANK CONSCIOUS THAT HE ONLY SEES MINISTERS, (LAUGHTER))

FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL:

I INVITE HIS EXCELLENCY PRIVATELY. VERY SOON WE WILL HAVE A NEW REQUEST.

QUESTION:

YOU ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE A KIND OF, LET'S SAY, SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY BETWEEN TURKS AND GREEKS WHEN YOU LEAVE OFFICE?

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WHEN I LEAVE OFFICE THE ONLY SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY I WILL CARRY OUT IS BETWEEN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON.

QUESTION:

MR. KISSINGER WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND TO CYRUS VANCE TO BECOME PERHAPS "MR. PEACE THE SECOND"?

THE SECRETARY:

I THINK THAT MR. VANCE, JUST AS I, WILL BE DEEPLY INTERESTED IN FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY.

THEY ARE BOTH VALUED ALLIES OF THE UNITED STATES.MR.VANCE HAS GREAT EXPERIENCE WITH THAT PROBLEM.HE IS A JUST AND FAIR AND ABLE MAN AND I KNOW HE WILL EXERT HIMSELF TO THE FULLEST TO FIND A SOLUTION.I WILL URGE MY PRESENT COLLEAGUES TO GIVE HIM THEIR COOPERATION.

QUESTION:

HOW DO YOU FEEL YOURSELF - BECAUSE I THINK THIS IS YOUR FAREWELL MEETING AT NATO?

THE SECRETARY:

I FEEL VERY FINE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MY COLLEAGUES AND I KNOW I AM LEAVING THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES IN EXCELLENT HANDS.

QUESTION:

DR.KISSINGER,MR.CAGLAYANGIL TALKED ABOUT AN IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITUATION REGARDING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE. DOES THIS MPROVEMENT ALSO CONCERN THE CYPRUS QUESTION?

THE SECRETARY:

I HAVE NOW LIVED WITH THIS PROBLEM FOR SO MANY YEARS THAT I WOULD NOT WANT TO MAKE A PREDICTION.I THINK THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING

IS FOR NEGOTIATIONS TO START AGAIN AND WITH GOOD WILL I BELIEVE THAT THE PROBLEM CAN BE SOLVED.

QUESTION:

MR.SECRETARY,JUST ONE LAST QUESTION.YOU MET PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER.DO YOU THINK THAT THE TURKISH AND GREEK AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNITED STATES HAVE ANY HANCE OF GETTING THROUGH THE CONGRESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE?

THE SECRETARY:

I THINK THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WILL REALLY HAVE TO SPEAK FOR HIMSELF AND/OR THROUGH THE PEOPLE THAT HE HAS APPOINTED. BUT I KNOW THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER IS INTERESTED IN AN IMPROVEMENT IN BOTH PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND THAT HE WILL EXERT HIS EFFORTS IN THAT DIRECTION.

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